

FIRST ALARM

NO PARKING – FIRE LANE

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INITIAL ON-SCENE REPORT

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Most in the fire service would agree that our success at any building fire is determined by the actions of the initial-arriving units. The ability of the first-arriving unit to provide a sufficient initial on-scene report provides other incoming units with the information and direction they need to position and operate in the most efficient manner and, hopefully, take care of the fire safely and quickly.

To be effective, the initial on-scene report needs to be clear, concise, and relevant. Relevant information would be information directly related to initial operations. There are many acronyms that can be used to create a size-up. Most are long, involve non-critical information, and are difficult to remember. A useful and effective acronym is the A-B-C-D size-up. It provides clear, concise information in a uniform sequence that can be adopted by all to provide a standardized initial on-scene reporting method:

A - Address

B - Building Description

C - Conditions

D - Deployment and Directives

First, confirm the address of the incident. Many fires are called in by witnesses, neighbors, or homeowners with a cell phone. Accurately determining the incident

location can affect running routes, layout instructions, and apparatus placement. Next, provide a useful description of the building. How many times have you heard someone mark on-scene with a “working house fire”? An adequate description of the building will help incoming engine companies determine line size and length; plan their searches, ladders, and ventilation; and allow the chief to consider additional resources. Going hand-in-hand with building description is a report of conditions. When describing conditions, paint a picture for incoming units. Describe how much smoke and/or fire you have and give a specific location within the building: “I have heavy smoke showing from the second floor, Alpha/Delta corner.” Finally, announce what you are doing and what needs to be done (deployment and directives). This begins with identifying the operational mode (command, investigating, rescue, offensive, or defensive). This automatically tells incoming units what mindset to be in. Next, provide any additional instructions to specific units or dispatch, including layout or placement instructions, announcement of special hazards, or requesting additional resources. Here is an example: “Engine 1 is on-scene at 1 Main Street. I have a 1-story, single-family dwelling with light smoke showing from the Charlie/Delta corner. This will be a working fire. Engine 1 has a water supply and will be going offensive, and Command will be passed to Command 1.” Hopefully, this helps you give solid initial on-scene reports that lead to successful operations.



JULY TRAINING

July EMS Training Dates:

9:00 a.m. at Station 3

July 11 B-Shift

July 12 A-Shift

July 26 C-Shift

July Monthly Drill: Search Considerations

TBD



UPCOMING DATES

JULY:

RIVERFEST

July 14, 9-4

Tapawingo Park

WABASH CENTER

TOURS OF

STATION 1:

10:00 am

-July 17, C-Shift

-July 18, B-Shift

-July 19, A-Shift

EMS TRAINING

9:00 am at Sta 3

-July 11 B-Shift

-July 12 A-Shift

-July 26 C-Shift

TIPPECANOE COUNTY 4-H FAIR

-July 21-28

FIREHOUSE ACTIVITY THIS MONTH

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

(3)Jon VanNess, (7)Justin Taylor, (13)Grant Birge,
(18)Joe Heater, (20)Cadel Crawl, (23)Greg Booth, (25)Dannie Neal





GET TO KNOW DEPUTY CHIEF TONY SCHUTTER

Deputy Chief of Inspections Tony Schutter began his career in the fire service in 1989 after attending Purdue University. He joined the West Lafayette Fire Department in 1995, becoming deputy chief in 2012.

In 2017, DC Schutter added inspections to his repertoire, working with Inspector Robert Molter to inspect over 1,060 new and existing occupancies. This number will grow exponentially as the number of high rises increases. Currently, The Hub is nearing completion (a 10-floor, 289-unit, 599 bed complex). The 12-floor Hub Plus and 16-floor The Rise will open in the near future with hundreds of additional units to inspect.

In 2018, the deputy chief position split in two: DC Schutter became the deputy chief of inspections while Jeff Need became the deputy chief of operations.

Deputy Chief Schutter is married to Christy. They have two children and one grandchild and are in the process of building a new home.

OUR MISSION

The West Lafayette Fire Department's mission is to protect our community's people, property, and environment through intervention, prevention, and education, ensuring West Lafayette is always a safe and great place to work, live, and play.



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